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SUBJECT: TDB MEETING: REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW

1. DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH UN COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW- (UNCITRAL). THIS MATERIAL MAYBE USED FOR TDB AGENDA ITEM ON UNICTRAL.

2. QUOTE: UNCITRAL HAS ASKED THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CALL A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES TO DEAL WITH (A) A DRAFT CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL SALES TRANSACTIONS, (B) A DRAFT CONVENTION ON FORMATION OF INTERNATIONAL SALES CONTRACTS AND (C) A PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON PERIODS OF PRESCRIPTION IN THE INTERNATIONAL SALE OF GOODS IN ORDER TO BRING IT INTO HARMONY WITH THE TWO FOREGOING CONVENTIONS.

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-- IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL SELECT 1980 AS THE DATE FOR THE CONFERENCE. WE SHOULD SUPPORT HOLDING THE CONFERENCE IN 1980 SINCE THE DRAFT CONVENTIONS ARE IN GOOD SHAPE AND THE UNITED STATES CAN BE PREPARED FOR A 1980 CONFERENCE. END QUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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